

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROSECUTION
ART UNIT 1641**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Nicholas D. Spencer, Sara Maria Morgenthaler, and Seunghwan Lee

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Examiner: Nelson C. Yang

For: *CONTROLLED SURFACE CHEMICAL GRADIENTS*

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on October 31, 2007, please amend the application as follows. Submitted with this Amendment and Response is a Petition to extend the period for response one month, to and including, February 29, 2008. It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should an additional fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 503129.

An Information Disclosure Statement and two (2) pages of Form PTO -1449 were filed on December 28, 2004. The Examiner signed and returned one sheet of Form PTO -1449,

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but has not initialed and returned the second sheet of Form PTO-1449. Submitted with this Amendment and Response is the second page of Form PTO-1449 previously filed on December 28, 2004. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the references cited therein and return of the initialed Form PTO-1449.